

b1 an air conduit extending between a proximal opening and a mask opening wherein, when the device is in an operative position, the proximal opening remains outside of a patient and the mask opening is open to a laryngeal opening of the patient;

a1 a seating tip extending distally from the distal end of the airway tube which, when the device is in the operative position, is located on a pharyngeal side of a patient's cricoid; and

a first supporting arm that extends axially from the seating tip in a shape substantially corresponding to that of a portion of the esophagus in which the seating tip is located when the device is in the operative position.

a2 11. The artificial airway device of claim 2, further comprising at least one bar extending within the mask opening.

Out b2 a3 19. An artificial airway device comprising:  
an air conduit extending between a proximal opening and a mask opening wherein, when the device is in an operative position, the proximal opening remains outside of a patient and the mask opening is open to a laryngeal opening of the patient;

a seating tip extending distally from the distal end of the airway tube which, when the device is in the operative position, is located on a pharyngeal side of a patient's cricoid; and

an angled surface extending within the mask opening, wherein the angled surface is oriented so that, when the device is in the operative position, a plane in which the angled surface resides extends to the laryngeal opening of the patient.

### Remarks

#### **I. Introduction**

Claims 1-20 are currently pending.

Claims 1-4, 6-8, 11-15 and 19 stand rejected.

Claims 5, 9, 10, 16-18 and 20 are objected to.

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